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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION-JOSE JIMENEZ CENTOR

REF: MADRID 6581

1. MURRAY STEIN (DEPT OF JUSTICE) REMAINED IN EUROPE ON LEAVE; HOWEVER, SUGGESTED TEXT OF NOTE HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY PETER SCHLAM (EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK) WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THE CASE.

2. RECOMMEND FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTION FOR TEXT CONTAINED PARA 3 REFTEL: "WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT JOSE JIMENEZ CENTOR'S CITED VIOLATIONS OF U.S. NARCOTICS LAWS ARE BOTH SUBSTANTIVE AND CONSPIRATORIAL. HE HAS BEEN DOCUMENTED AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER SINCE 1962. HIS IMPORTANCE TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN COMBATTING ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS CANNOT BE OVER-
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ESTIMATED AND IF HE IS PROMPTLY EXTRADITED TO THE UNITED

STATES HIS INDICATED COOPERATION WOULD RESULT IN WIDE-
SPREAD PROSECUTIONS BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.
HIS TESTIMONY WOULD AID SUBSTANTIALLY IN BREAKING ONE OF
THE MOST IMPORTANT RINGS OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKERS."

3. NO CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE TO SUGGESTED LANGUAGE
CONTAINED PARA 4 REFTEL.

4. FYI: DEPT IS ADVISED THAT A SPECIAL ACTION TASK FORCE
WILL BE CREATED TO FOLLOW UP LEADS ANTICIPATED TO BE
GENERATED BY CENTOR'S INTERVIEWS AND TESTIMONY, IF HIS
EXTRADITION IS PERMITTED. THIS IS YET ANOTHER INDICATION
OF THE EXTREME SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS FUGITIVE TO BOTH
INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS.
END FYI.

5. DEPT COMMENDS THE ENERGETIC AND DETERMINED EFFORTS OF
THE EMBASSY, PARTICULARLY THE AMBASSADOR, TO GAIN SPANISH
COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER. REMEMBERING EMBASSY'S
EFFECTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE ROSSI AFFAIR, DEPT
APPRECIATES THAT BEST POSSIBLE EXPERTISE IS AVAILABLE
FOR THIS EVEN MORE VITAL CASE.

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